brace, drew closer and closer and rest-

"Little girl, little girl?" he whispered

over and over, his tone conveying every

standing she had craved. He knew

what had made her sad, and she knew

that he knew. There was no need for

had whetted the edge of their desire,

CHAPTER XL

WHERE THE PATH LED.

hind rang with the resounding dis-

yielding finally, he had allotted to each

of them a hundred feet. Forthwith they set about opening their portions.

for the ground was shallow and the

gold so near the surface that winter

would interfere with its extraction, wherefore they made haste. The own-

er oversaw them all, complacent in the

certainty of a steady royalty accruing

Burrell sought Necla at an early day

and, in presence of her father, told

from the working of his allotments.

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Lee was belied back to his stand and called for order, but the crowd lips in a long kiss, while she, trempoked fun at him and began moving bling with the joy of his strong embout restlessly till some one shouted a motion to adjourn and there arose a

chorus of seconders.
As Poleon and Gale walked home the Frenchman said, "Dat was nervy t'ing to do.'

The trader made no answer, and the other continued, "Stark is goin' for "It's a cinch," agreed Gale, "unless

somebody gets Stark first."

When they were come to his door the trader paused and, looking back over the glowing tents and up at the star sprinkled heavens, remarked, as if con-cluding some train of thought, "If that boy has got the nerve to take a nigger thief out of a miners' meeting and hold him against this whole town he wouldn't hesitate much at taking a

white man, would be?"

"Wnal," hesitated the other, "mebbe dat would depen' on de crime." "Euppose it was-murder?"

"Ha! We ain' got no men lak dat in l'lambeau." They said good night, and the old man entered his house to find Alluna

Burrell took his prisoner to the barrncks, where he placed him under guard, giving instructions to hold him at any cost, not knowing what wild and reckless humor the new citizens of Flambeau might develop during the hight, for it is men who have always. lived with the halter of the law tight

upon their necks who run wildest when it is removed. After he had taken every precaution he went out into the night again and fought with himself as he had fought all that day and all the night before-in fact, ever since old Thomas had come to him after leaving Necia and had so cumpingly shaped his talk that Burrell never suspected his object un-til he perceived his position in such a BENNY & CO., Ltd., clear light that the young man boked back upon his work with startled eyes. The corporal had spoken garrulously of his officer's family, of their pride and of their love for his profession; had dwelt enthusiastically upon the Heutenant's future and the length he was sure to go and finally drifted into the same story he had told Necia. Bur-rell at last sensed the meaning of the crafty old sodder's strategy and dis-

> and been accomplished. When Burrell drove his reason with firm hands he saw but one course to follow, but when his mind went slack for a moment the old desire to have returned more strongly than ever, and he heard voices arguing, plending, persuading. She was the equal of any woman in the world, they said, in in purity and in innocence. He hated himself for hesitating, he railed at his own indecision, and then when he had justified his love and persuaded imself that he was right in seeking this union there would rise again the picture of his people, their chagrin and what would result from such a mar-

nissed him, but not before his work

riage. He had wandered far during this debate, clear past the town and out



through the Indian village, but now that he believed he had come to an understanding with himself he turned back toward his quarters. He knew it would be hard to give her up, but could have failed to see it. He was giad he had conquered, although the pain was still sharp. He felt a better placent optimism, he passed close by the front of the trader's store, where Necia had crept to be alone with her

out a supstantial stake before winter settled and the first frost closed them down.

She took the news quietly, but with shining eyes, though her pleasure was no greater or more genuine than Po-leon's, who grasped both her hands in his and shouted gleefully;
"Bien! I'm glad! You'll be riche

gal for sure now an' wear plaintee fine dress lak I fetch you. Jus' t'ink, you fin' gol' on your place more queecket dan your fader, an' he's good mine

too. Ha! Dat's bully!"
"Oh, well, they will find it on your claims very soon," she repied.
He shook his head. "You better knock wood w'en you say dat. Mebbe I draw de blank again. Nobody can't

tell. I've do de sam' t'ing before, an' dose men w'at been workin' my groun' doy're gettin' purty blue."
"When you do become a Flambeau king." she continued. "what will you do with yourself? Surely you won't

sontinue that search for your far coun-Fy. It could never be so beautiful as fair." She pointed to the river that never changed and yet was never the tame and to the forests, slightly tinged with the signs of the coming season. "It's very fine," agreed the Canadian.
"I don' see w'y anybody would care

and they were too deeply, too utterly lost in the ecstasy of meeting to care for livin' on dem cities w'en dere's so much nice place outside." "Your lips cling so that I can't get "Yes," said Necla, "I've no doubt one free," sighed the girl at last.
"You never shall," he whispered would get tired of it soon and long for something to do and something really

worth while, but I should like to try But when she smiled up at him pite ously, her eyes swimming, and said, "I must," he wrenched himself away and it once, and I shall as soon as I'm rich enough. Wou't you come along? "I don' know," he said thoughtfully 'Mebbe so I stay here, mebbe so I tak' my canoe an' go away. For long tam' I_t'ink dis Flambeau she's de promis' ND now began a new era for lan' I hear callin' to me, but I don

know yet for w'lle." "What kind of place is that land of

rours, Poleon?" "Ha! I never see 'Im, but she's been cryin' to me ever since I'm little boy. cords of axes and saws and crashing It's a place w'ere I don' get too hot on de summer an' too col' on de winter; imber, and new cabins appeared on every hand, rising in a day.

A dozen tents were pitched on Lee's it's place w'ere birds sing an' flowers blossom an' de sun shine an' w'ere I discovery claim, for the owner had can sleep widout dreamin' bout it all been besteged by men who clamored to lease a part of his ground, and. de tam'.

"Why, it's the land of content. You'll never discover it by travel. I'll tell you a secret, Poleon. I've found it— yes, I have. It lies here." She laid her hand on her breast. "Father Barnum told me the story of your people and how it lives in your blood—that bunger to find the far places. It's what drove the voyageur and coureur du bols from Quebec to Vancouver and from the Mississippi to Hudson bay. The wanderjust was their heritage, and they pushed on and on without rest, like the salmon in the spring, but they were different in this-that they

never came back to die." There was a look of great tenderness in his eyes as he bent toward her and earched her face, but she was not thinking of him, and at length he con-

"Fader Barnum he's goin' be bere nex' Sonday for cheer up dem Injun. Constantine she's got de letter." "Do you know," said Necla wistfully,

"I've always wanted him to marry

"You t'inkin' 'bout marry on som feller, ch?" said the other, with an odd grin. "Waal, w'y not? He'll be here all day an' night. S'pose you do it. Mos anybody w'at ain' got some wife al-ready will be glad for marry on yeu. an' mebbe some feller w'at has got wife too! If you don' lak dem an' if you're goin' marry on somebody you can be wife to me."

Necia laughed lightly. "I believe you would marry me if I wanted you You've done everything else I've ever asked. But you needn't be afraid. won't take you up." In all her life this man had never spoken of love to her, and she had no hint of the dream he cherished.

While they were talking a boat had drawn inshore and made fast to the bank in front of them. An Indian landed and, approaching, enter-ed into talk with the Frenchman. By and by Poleon turned to the girl

and said "Pere's hondred marten skin come You min' de store w'lle I mak'

Together the two went down to the boat, leaving Necla behind, and not long after Runnion sauntered up to the stere and addressed her familiarly. "Hello, Necin! I just heard about the strike on your claim. That's fine and dandy."

She acknowledged his congratula tions curtly, for, although it was cus-tomary for most of the old timers to eall her by her Christian name, she re sented it from this man. She chose to

let it pass, however. "I had some good news last night myself," he continued. "One of my men has hit some good dirt, and we'll thow what it means in a day or so I'll gamble we're into the money hig though, for I always was a lucky cuss

Say, where's your father?"
"He's out at the use." "We've used up all of our bar sugar at the saloon, and I want to buy what

you've got."
"Very well; I'll get it for you." He followed her inside, watching her graceful movements and attempting, with his free and easy insolence, to make friendly advances; but, seeing that she refused to notice him, he be came piqued and grew bolder.

"Look here, Necia; you're a mighty pretty girl. I've had my eye on you of you the better I like you." "It isn't necessary to tell me that," she replied. "The price of sugar will

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misery. Burrell had almost passed her when he was startled by the sound of his name breathed softly; then, to his amazement, he saw her come forth



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ened only by the moments when he was with Necia and when she made him forget all else. This damnable indecision gosded him to self contempt. He despised himself for his weakness. His social instincts and training, his sense of duty and the amenities of life it would be hard to give her up, but that proud men hold dear theged he had irrevocably decided, and his steadily, untiringly at his reason, path began to unfold itself so clear and straight that he marveled how he grinning wickedly, ready to pop out and upset all his high resolutions.

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Itike a spirit into the silver sheen.

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